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U.S. Army Birthday 242 Years of Defending Freedom



The U.S. Army was created on June 14, 1775 – more than a year before the signing of the U.S. Constitution – with about 27,000 soldiers stationed in Boston and New York. Today, the Army has about 183,600 soldiers deployed around the world in 140 countries supporting combatant commanders and protecting America’s vital strategic interests.

Above, a U.S. Army AH-64D Apache Attack Helicopter, assigned to the 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, flies in front of a wall of fire during the South Carolina National Guard Air and Ground Expo at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jorge Intriago)

Army 242nd birthday celebration held at Constitution Hall

Chapter Highlight William Penn

AUSA Staff

The William Penn Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the Philadelphia Flag Association hosted a combined Army Birthday and Flag Day event in Philadelphia on June 14.

It involved a celebration at Constitution Hall, where the Continental Congress established the Army 242 years earlier, and the enlistment oath given to 46 new soldiers at the Constitution Center.

The day wrapped up at the Betsy Ross House with 13 people becoming U.S. citizens.

"It was a great day in Philadelphia," said retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, AUSA's president and CEO, who attended the event.

He noted, "There is no better place than Philadelphia to celebrate Flag Day and the Army Birthday."

James A. Donahue, president of AUSA's William Penn Chapter, also took part.

The oldest soldier at the Army cake-cutting was 96-year-old Pvt. Alex Horanczy, a Pearl Harbor survivor who served in the 42nd Infantry Division.

The youngest was recruit Brian White, one of the soldiers who was administered the enlistment oath by Maj. Gen. Troy D. Kok, commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve's 99th Regional Support Command.

Kok, who also participated in the citizenship cer-



Cutting the Army Birthday cake in Philadelphia are, from left: James Donahue, president of AUSA's William Penn Chapter; Army Recruit Brian White, the youngest soldier in attendance; Pvt. Alex Horanczy, the oldest soldier in attendance and a Pearl Harbor survivor; Maj. Gen. Troy Kok, commanding general, 99th Regional Support Command; and retired Gen. Carter Ham, AUSA president and CEO. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris)

emony, said it was a special day for him.

His grandparents emigrated to the U.S. "to make a life for themselves, and it is from that life that they have given me the opportunity to serve this great country."

Ham, the keynote speaker at the event, called for celebrating the nation's heritage.

"Let's remember those who came before us, those who set this nation free and have kept it free," Ham said.

Adding, "The Army of today remains the pre-eminent Army on the face of the planet; today's soldiers march in the footsteps of the giants who came before."

McConville sworn in as the 36th Army vice chief of staff

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Gen. James C. McConville was sworn in as the 36th vice chief of staff of the Army and promoted to general on June 16.

McConville, who was deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1, will succeed Gen. Daniel Allyn, who has been in the position since August 2014.

McConville is a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and was a National Security Fellow at Harvard University in 2002.

He commanded the 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, in Iraq in 2004 and 2005, and was deputy commanding general for support of the 101st Airborne Division in Afghanistan in 2008 and 2009.

In May 17 testimony before Congress, McConville said, "At the end of the day, the Army is people."

As the most important asset of the Army, "We must ensure they have the required resources so they are ready when called upon," he added.

McConville's nomination and promotion to general were approved by the Senate on May 25.

Allyn, also a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Military

Academy, has been a strong proponent for steady, predictable funding, warning Congress that short-term spending measures are hurting the force.

"This is a challenging time for our nation and certainly for our Army," he said in February when

warning "sufficient and consistent funding is essential to build and sustain current readiness, progress towards a more modern, capable force sized to reduce risk for contingencies, and recruit and retain the best talent within our ranks."



Gen. James McConville is the 36th vice chief of staff of the Army. (U.S. Army photo)

Sequestration erodes the Army's capability to defend nation

Capitol Focus

Julie Rudowski
Assistant Director
AUSA Government Affairs

The message to lawmakers at several recent Congressional hearings focused on the fiscal 2018 defense budget was simple: Sequestration and continuing resolutions have eroded the capabilities needed to defend the nation and its interests.

Defense Secretary James Mattis said that the 2018 defense budget is aimed at sustaining the Army and other services while promised growth must wait until 2019.

A one-year fix isn't possible.

"It took us years to get into this situation. It will require years of stable budgets and increased funding to get out of it," Mattis said in testimony.

In fact, Mattis said that he was shocked at the condition of military readiness when he returned to the Defense Department in January.

He noted, "While nothing can compare to the heartache caused by the loss of our troops during these wars, no enemy in the field has done more to harm the combat readiness of our military than sequestration."

Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff, said the Army is addressing immediate needs.

"The Army has been forced to prioritize near-term readiness and now faces a shortage of critical capabilities and capacities in armor, air defense, artillery, and aviation. These deficiencies are made worse by manpower shortfalls in critical military specialties and training resource constraints."

Mattis and Dunford's bottom line: Lift Budget Control Act caps to allow increased defense spending, pass the 2018 budget "in a timely manner" to prevent lapses, and permanently revoke sequestration.

In his appearances before Congress, Army Chief of Staff Gen Mark A. Milley echoed the defense leaders' concerns.

If the Army doesn't get its funding on time and cannot plan ahead because the size of the budget remains uncertain, the slow steady progress it hopes to make will be disrupted. If the flow of funding is interrupted "we will eventually, in the not too distant future, have a hollow army and put soldiers at risk on the battlefield."

Milley said the top funding priority is increasing the number of soldiers, a move authorized by Congress last year and now fully funded with the 2018 budget request.

In fact, he said that under-manning is the most serious issue facing the force, making it the highest funding priority.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, said the Army has



186,000 deployed soldiers today but only three of its 58 brigade combat teams are at the highest level of readiness.

The slightly larger 2018 budget is helping but at the current pace of spending the Army couldn't fix its readiness shortfalls until 2020.

What's in the budget?

The President's budget request for fiscal 2018 proposes \$607 billion in defense discretionary spending and \$560 billion in non-defense discretionary spending for fiscal 2018.

The Army is seeking \$166 billion, an amount that includes \$28.9 billion in overseas contingency funding.

The base defense budget includes requests for a 2.1 percent pay increase for troops, seeks authority for a base closure and realignment plan starting in 2021, and increases investment in military construction and family housing.

It also provides for a pay increase of 1.9 percent for the civilian workforce, while at the same time planning for a 1.5 percent reduction in the Army's civilian workforce.

The budget request also contains proposals that would alter TRICARE reforms enacted by the FY17 National Defense Authorization Act.

Provisions that apply only to those who enter service after Jan. 1, 2018, would "create a two-tier system that will confuse beneficiaries and require DoD to administer two separate benefit packages for almost 50 years until all the grandfathered beneficiaries reach Medicare eligibility," stated an in-

formation sheet released by Defense officials.

The president's budget request proposes to "eliminate the grandfathering of beneficiaries who entered active service before January 1, 2018," and would treat all beneficiaries the "same way from the perspective of out-of-pocket costs."

Other provisions would:

- "Modestly" increase TRICARE prescription drug co-payments, phased-in over a 10-year period. Prescriptions would continue to be filled at no cost to beneficiaries at military treatment facilities.

- Increase premiums, co-pays, deductibles and catastrophic caps annually based on the increases in health care costs as measured by the growth in National Health Expenditures (NHE) per capita, rather than retiree Cost-of-Living-Allowances (COLA).

- Medically retired members and their families and survivors of those who died on active duty would be treated the same as active duty Family Members and have no participation fee and lower cost shares.

- Reduce TRICARE enrollment fees by 50 percent for retired beneficiaries who are covered by other health insurance.

It's important to remember that the president's budget request is that – a request. As this goes to print, the House Armed Services Committee will mark up its version of the fiscal 2018 defense authorization bill.

The Senate panel's markup will follow shortly thereafter.

AUSA and its leadership will closely monitor their progress and will weigh in when necessary.



Retired Lt. Gen. Guy Swan, AUSA vice president, education, views the Berkeley College Veterans and Gold Star Reflections projects on display at AUSA headquarters in Arlington, Va. Berkeley College student-veterans, family members, faculty-veterans and military families in the community posed for these projects – personal portraits that capture the emotional issues that stay with veterans. (AUSA News photo by Luc Dunn)

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Brooks: Easily recognizable war – ‘That’s not true anymore’

AUSA Staff

The post-World War II law of war that once neatly governed the ground rules of combat is becoming irrelevant as the character of war and the people we fight continue to change.

Combatants, once identified as military-aged males in uniform, come now in the shape of hackers, engineers, recruiters and financiers, and weapons appear as passenger planes, box cutters, vans, viruses and propaganda, said Rosa Brooks, author of *How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything: Tales from the Pentagon*.

She writes with some authority because she is a former Pentagon insider.

“Legally, when there’s a war, the law of war applies,” said Brooks, a Georgetown University law professor who formerly worked as a counselor to the under secretary of defense for policy.

In her remarks at a Lemnitzer Lecture hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army’s Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) in Arlington, Va., Brooks highlighted some of the main themes in her book.

U.S. and international laws governing war and acceptable conduct in war provide enormous latitude when it comes to using lethal force and other forms of coercion, Brooks said. However, “when we lose the ability to draw clear, consistent distinctions between war and not war, we also lose any principled basis making some of the most vital decisions a democracy can make,” she said.



Rosa Brooks, author of *How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything: Tales from the Pentagon*, speaks to attendees at an Association of the U.S. Army Institute of Land Warfare Lemnitzer Lecture. (AUSA News photo by Luc Dunn)

The American military has become a “one-stop shopping place” for the solution to a wide set of challenges around the world.

“We like to think of war as an easily recognizable exception to the normal state of affairs, and we think of the military as an institution that can be easily defined by its special war-related functions,” said Brooks, but in a world “rife with transnational terror networks, cyber threats and disruptive non-state actors, that’s not true anymore. Our

traditional categories of war, peace, military, civilian, are becoming almost useless.”

Brooks’ talk was part of ILW’s Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer Lecture Series.

The next lecture will feature retired Army Lt. Gen. James M. Dubik, who will discuss his book *Just War Reconsidered: Strategy, Ethics, and Theory*, which draws on years of research as well as his own experiences as a soldier and teacher to fill the gaps left by other theorists.

A vertical advertisement for the Atterbury Muscatatuck training facility. It features four horizontal panels with images: fighter jets in flight, a soldier in full combat gear, a soldier in a training environment, and a futuristic blue-tech interface. The text 'Global Challenges, Tailored Solutions' is overlaid on the panels.

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Dental discounts, pet insurance added to AUSA benefits

Benefits Highlight

Susan Rubel
Director
AUSA Affinity Programs

I joined the Association of the United States Army as both a member and as the director of affinity programs on March 1. I love being part of AUSA.

My job is to improve and expand the member benefit programs for all AUSA members, and I want to hear from you so we can increase the value of your membership and grow our base to provide even better support for our soldiers and their families.

What products, services should we add?

Not only do you benefit from participating in our member benefit programs, but many of our business partners give back to AUSA in many ways that support our mission: Voice for the Army – Support for the Soldier.

Our programs recognize and reward you, as a member, for supporting our important mission.

I'm committed to finding programs and services that fit our members' needs, so please submit your recommendations for new products and service to srubel@ausa.org. We are adding new benefits regularly and your input is important.

The latest benefit information is on our website at www.ausa.org/benefits.

I want to highlight a couple of recent additions to the member benefit plans, citing my personal experience and the reasons I hope you'll find them beneficial.

Dental discount plans

AUSA recently partnered with DentalPlans.com to offer our members an exclusive benefit not available to the general public.

As a licensed insurance agent, I am frequently asked the difference between discount plans and insurance and which is better. The answer depends on your situation, but my recent experience may help clarify the difference.

I received the dreaded news that I needed a root canal and my dentist referred me to a highly regarded endodontist and I endured stage one of the root canal.

At checkout, I was handed a bill for a whopping \$2,300.

I grumbled under my breath that I should have gone to dental school because that fee amounts to \$1,150 an hour. As I grumbled, I remembered a dental discount card I had and handed it to the receptionist, figuring if I got lucky I might save a few dollars.

The receptionist looked up my plan details, and then told me that my balance was now \$990. Just like that, I saved \$1,310.



Meet Sera! AUSA members can now receive discounts on pet insurance from Healthy Paws.

I received an equally impressive discount on the crown that was needed to complete my treatment, and I continued to save on regular checkups and cleanings with the plan.

I didn't have dental insurance at the time, but the insurance I had previously would not have kicked in until I paid the \$150 deductible. Then they would have paid 50 percent of their negotiated rate with a maximum annual benefit of \$1,500.

So, in this particular case, I would have maxed out my annual benefit on just the root canal and crown and would have had no insurance coverage until the following year. And that was assuming I met the 6-month waiting period for major services.

Dental discount plans are not insurance – there are no deductibles, waiting periods, annual maximums, limitations on pre-existing conditions, or claim forms to fill out. Rather, you pay an annual fee – typically \$7 to \$20 dollars a month – and receive significantly reduced rates.

At DentalPlans.com, you can choose between individual and family plans, view which plans your current dentist accepts, search by procedure, view sample fees, compare plans, and begin using your discounts in about 24 to 72 hours.

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health issues, each visit to my vet averages \$250 to \$300. When I took my children to the doctor, I paid a small co-payment with my insurance – now it is difficult to budget around the constant medical expenses.

As a "pet parent" I asked my vet if he recommended pet insurance to help with the cost, and he recommended Healthy Paws.

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They offer the best protection for our four-legged friends, covering injuries, illnesses, genetic conditions, and emergency care. And, unlike most pet insurance companies, Healthy Paws does not have limits on claims.

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Retired Soldier Council tackles improving communications



Co-chairs Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Jim Lovlace and Sgt. Maj. of the Army (Ret.) Ray Chandler, at seal, and members of the Chief of Staff's Retired Soldier Council represent 1.2 million retirees. (Photo by Army Multimedia & Visual Information Directorate)

Bridging the communications gap between the retired community and the Army was the overarching message at the 2017 Chief of Staff, Army Retired Soldier Council held at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., April 23-28.

The 14-member council, co-chaired by retired Lt. Gen. Jim Lovelace and retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Ray Chandler, also addressed other concerns and aspirations of the Army's retired community with 16 senior leaders, including Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey.

The council is administered in accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program, and its charter, which is approved by the Secretary of the Army.

The council represents 1.2 million retired soldiers and surviving spouses, and its message to Gen. Milley stated:

"The retired soldiers have heard the call of the Soldier for Life (SFL) program. The SFL Program communicates that Army values are forever ... along with the desire for continued selfless service.

"In or out of uniform, we are Soldiers for Life, and your 965,000 retired soldiers are an underutilized resource of your team. We do not see it as merely a jobs program.

"We need only to hear clearly your mission for us ... communicating how and where you want us to serve.

"We will help hire veterans, inspire the next generation to serve in the Army, and connect the Army with Americans in hometowns everywhere we live.

"We urge you to operationalize the Army's largest demographic to realize the full potential of the SFL Program."

The council members reviewed and discussed 30 issues submitted by nine installation retiree councils. Seven involved health care issues, 12 related to benefits or entitlements, and 11 concerned enterprise level communications, retirement services, or other areas.

Some of the major issues included concern for benefits and entitlements. For example, the recent change to fold TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra into TRICARE Select, which will create new annual premiums and increase co-pays and catastrophic caps for retired soldiers.

Across the spectrum of the retired population, access to care has been an issue for a number of years.

The council commended the Army surgeon general for her commitment to increase access to the maximum extent possible. In the past year, the retired community has seen an increased availability of appointments compared to the previous year.

A detailed report of the council's recommendations are found on its webpage.

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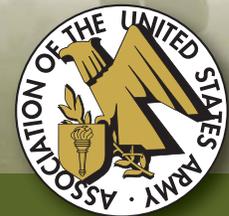
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Call to action: AUSA Member Advocacy Program launched

View from the Hill

John Gifford
Director
AUSA Government Affairs

Congress has received the president's Fiscal Year 2018 budget request.

The Army and the rest of the Department of Defense have completed their posture hearings defending the budget before the Armed Services and Defense Appropriations committees.

Now the congressional gears are slowly starting to turn, but they are running four months behind schedule. Given their past record, a continuing resolution is a strong possibility – again.

As I write this column, there are less than 40 legislative days remaining when both the House and Senate are in session before Fiscal Year 2018 begins on Oct. 1.

Because of the shortage of time, some members of the House are proposing that instead of trying to enact 12 individual appropriations bills, they should just wrap them all in an omnibus spending bill before the month-long August recess.

However, without a budget resolution that sets a spending topline, the House is challenged to find agreement on how much should be allotted to each portion of the budget.

If there is not a new Bipartisan Budget Agreement, the Budget Control Act and sequestration will kick back in, limiting total discretionary spending to \$1.065 trillion for FY18, which is less than what was allowed for FY17.

The president's budget request proposes shifting \$52 billion from non-defense discretionary spending and adding it to the defense budget, but both parties in Congress have made clear during the posture hearings that this idea is a non-starter.

Last month's column discussed the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA), and the resulting defense caps that have divorced available resource levels from our national security strategy.



Instead there is an arbitrary defense cap that is unrelated to the actual security situation in the world. It is a mindless budget number constructed by a formula in 2011, and it wasn't supposed to happen.

Most will agree that the world is more dangerous now than it was in 2011, yet the cap persists.

Just like the weather, everyone in Congress complains about the BCA, but no one does anything about it.

Until now.

At the Association of the U.S. Army, we think the threat to our Army and the risk to our national security posed by sequestration and the defense caps has risen to an intolerable level.

We will be reaching out to you, our volunteer members, over the next few months to help us in the 2017 AUSA Member Advocacy Program.

AUSA's president and CEO, retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, has had meetings on Capitol Hill and multiple members of Congress have told him that they would be highly interested in hearing from AUSA members who are their constituents in their districts or states.

Thus, AUSA Government Affairs is working with our region presidents to finalize a detailed ground-up advocacy plan.

We have identified every member of Congress with a major Army installation or facility in his or her district, and linked that data to our chapter locations.

Our goal is to help our AUSA members contact this focused list of members of Congress in 38 of the 50 states during their August recess, and ask them to repeal sequestration and the defense caps.

AUSA national headquarters will provide an advocacy kit that will contain: tips on writing and visiting your federal elected officials; some legal guidelines; a list of the members' web pages and their district office phone numbers; some suggested talking points; a "leave-behind" paper; and some incentives for participating.

We have a solid chance to make a difference for our Army, as the timing is right on Capitol Hill.

We will provide the tools so that you, our volunteer members, can confidently reach out to your members of Congress via letters, phone calls, letters to the editor of your local paper, participation in town hall meetings and face-to-face visits in local district offices.

The draft plan will be rolled out first to the AUSA region presidents, then the state and chapter presidents, in order to fine-tune the best way to implement and execute our campaign.

Although all the details will require the region, state and chapter input to make it work, we wanted to get the word out to you, our members, early enough that you could give it due consideration. (This used to be called a "warning order" when I was in the Army).

This plan will only work if each chapter can gain significant participation on the ground in your local area from individual and corporate members. This is critically important and, if we succeed, your efforts will make a national and global difference for our Army.

We won't ask often, but we are asking now.

Let your federal elected leaders hear your voice in this organized campaign.

Only Congress can stop the damage that the defense caps are causing our Army, and they will not act unless their constituents urge them to do their constitutionally-mandated job to provide for the national defense.

Please join me in this all-out effort to get our soldiers the resources they need to do what our country asks of them.

See you on the high ground.

Changes to AUSA bylaws approved

AUSA Staff

The Council of Trustees of the Association of the U.S. Army has adopted a new, faster and more flexible process for setting the overall agenda for the association's legislative efforts.

The bylaw changes recommended by the AUSA Advisory Board of Directors' Standing Bylaws Committee and approved unanimously by the Association's Council of Trustees included removing the requirement to send resolutions to the chapters for a vote, and also to delete the requirement for a resolutions committee.

On June 15, 2017, voting by the membership to ratify the April 2017 proposed revisions to the Association of the U.S. Army Bylaws closed.

A vote by Association membership is required to ratify the bylaws change.

These proposed revisions were adopted by an overwhelming majority of members voting.

The new procedure would have 10 areas of influence selected each year for focus by the association, replacing a cumbersome and lengthy process of approving resolutions.

The focus areas would be selected in consultation with AUSA region presidents to ensure input from AUSA members.

Sgt. Maj. Quinn receives Florida Governor's Medal of Merit

Chapter Highlight First Militia

Macie J. Heyman

During a meeting of the Florida Cabinet, Governor Rick Scott recognized retired Sgt. Maj. Ray A. Quinn with the Governor's Medal of Merit.

Sgt. Maj. Quinn served in the U.S. Army and Florida National Guard for 30 years. He is also the vice president for veteran affairs of the Association of the U.S. Army's First Militia Chapter, Tallahassee, Fla.

Scott said, "I'd like to thank Sergeant Major Quinn for his dedication to the safety of families in Florida and the nation. I am incredibly humbled by his lifelong service, first as a member of the Army National Guard and then as a community leader in local government. I'm honored to present him with the Medal of Merit for his service and positive impact on the lives of Florida veterans."

Lt. Col. Glenn Sutphin, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, said, "Sergeant Major Quinn has dedicated his life to serving his community, state and nation during his time in the U.S. Army and Florida Army National Guard."

Adding, "He continues today to serve his com-



Sgt. Maj. Ray Quinn, third from left, vice president for veteran affairs of AUSA's First Militia Chapter, received the Governor's Medal of Merit from Florida Governor Rick Scott.

munity and veterans across the state with honor and integrity. Sergeant Major Quinn represents what it means to be a member of the Florida National Guard and a leader in our community."

Quinn enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 and transitioned to the Florida Army National Guard in 1973.

He was an infantry soldier, 1st sergeant, operations sergeant and personnel noncommissioned officer.

After he retired from the Regular Army, he served on the staff of the adjutant general of Florida as the director of executive services.

In 2010, Quinn was appointed by the governor to serve as an interim county commissioner for District 3 in St. Johns County. He served in that position from January 2010 until January 2011.

He currently serves as chairman of the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council, and vice chair of the St. Johns County Veterans Council.

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North Korea's ballistic missile launch is serious security issue

AUSA Staff

The U.S. and its Pacific partners began a three-day meeting May 23 in Honolulu with a fresh reminder from North Korea about danger in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Theater.

The recent successful ballistic missile launch by the regime of North Korea's pugnacious leader Kim Jong Un, and his subsequent declaration of beginning mass production of the midrange solid-fuel missiles known as the Pukguksong-2, is evidence, if any was needed, that there are serious security issues at stake.

The Association of the U.S. Army hosted the three-day LANPAC Symposium and Exposition involving representatives of land forces from 29 nations.

"That's pretty powerful," said retired Army Gen. Carter F. Ham, the Association of the U.S. Army's president and CEO.

This was AUSA's fifth LANPAC conference, with chiefs of staff of nine armies attending an event focused on joint and multinational operations, and on keeping a combat-ready edge for forces in theater or dedicated to theater operations.

Ham said there is no other similar forum solely focused on the challenges facing and resources re-



Gen. Robert Brown said the world's speed of change has increased at the opening of AUSA's fifth LANPAC Symposium and Exposition.

quired for land forces and land power in the Pacific.

Gen. Robert B. Brown, the U.S. Army Pacific commanding general, said the world is becoming more complex and the speed with which things change has increased.

The fog of war was once not having enough information.

Today, he said, the fog of war is being overwhelmed by too much. "Those who would do us harm can sometimes move much faster than we can," Brown said.

"The key thing about being here is we have 29 countries working together," Brown said. "Our advantage is realizing our combined potential."

As the LANPAC conference got underway, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats was telling the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington, D.C., about North Korea's threat to regional stability.

"North Korea's weapons of mass destruction program, public threats, defiance of the international community, confrontational military posturing, cyber activities, and potential for internal instability pose a complex and increasingly grave national security threat to the United States and its interests," Coats told the committee.

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Vincent R. Stewart, Defense Intelligence Agency director, appeared at the same hearing with a similar warning.

"North Korea is an antagonistic state actor and remains a critical security challenge for the United States," Stewart said.

Sense of urgency: 'Work out' multi-domain battle issues

AUSA Staff

The U.S. Pacific Command commander says the services and their multinational partners need to "work out the kinks" of multi-domain battle issues in training and exercises, and take risks with culture-changing experimentation of capability-sharing.

Speaking at the Association of the U.S. Army's LANPAC Symposium and Exposition in Honolulu, Navy Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. said the multi-domain concept needs to be advanced "with a sense of urgency" because potential adversaries are not waiting.

"This is juice worth the squeeze," he said of the concept that involves expanded missions and capabilities such as having land-based forces help protect U.S. Navy ships.

Acknowledging it is a "risky" and "hard" effort where there might be errors along the way, Harris said the effort is important. "We can afford

to make mistakes," he said.

Harris was the opening speaker on the second day of the three-day conference focused on land forces and land power in the Indo-Asian-Pacific Theater.

The U.S. Army has about 71,000 soldiers in the theater on what the Defense Department says is a multi-mission assignment of countering "myriad security challenges from regional adversaries, violent extremist organizations, and natural disasters across all domains."

This includes a rotational brigade combat team "whose presence is required in case of a high-end engagement," DoD says in 2018 budget documents.

"The possibility for conflict in Asia is greater now than it has been in decades and the Army must be prepared to continue to provide theater enabling capabilities to other services while also deterring conflict, and if deterrence fails, defeat an enemy as an integral part of the Joint Force," he said.



Adm. Harry Harris encouraged efforts on the multi-domain battle concept during a presentation at AUSA's LANPAC Symposium. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Silvers)

ROK, U.S. forces ready for wartime operations in Asia-Pacific

David Vergun
Army News Service

The Eighth Army is prepared for combat operations at any time, according to its commanding general, Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal.

Stationed in the Asia-Pacific region, the Eighth Army is ready to assist its partner, the Republic of Korea (ROK), in any combined endeavor.

Vandal, who also serves as the chief of staff for ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command, offered these reassurances at the “Land Forces in the Pacific: Advancing Joint and Multi-National Integration” symposium, May 24, which was sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army Institute of Land Warfare.

Combined commands

The ROK-U.S. team is much more than just a combined training effort, Vandal noted. Both armies are integrating members at the headquarters level in order to increase cooperation and compatibility.

In fact, the Eighth Army’s major subordinate command consists of the U.S. Army’s only major combined fighting force, the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division, or RUCD, he said.

Vandal recalled that he was part of the planning effort for the combined force in his previous assignment, when he was the commander of the 2nd Infantry Division.

The combined division was activated in 2015, and Vandal spoke of the positive impact it has had on joint operations.

“Today, hand-picked, ROK officers, the best-of-the-best, are an integral part of the staff,” he said. “Now, we’re adding ROK staff noncommissioned officers as well.”

The combined division has also built a close



Pfc. Jiwan Oh and Spc. Kadeem Jenkins, assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division, provide medical aide to a simulated casualty during a field training exercise at LTA130, South Korea. (Photo by Cpl. Michelle U. Blesam)

training relationship with the 8th ROK Infantry Division, since they two units would fight alongside each other should the “O plan” – wartime operations plan – ever be executed.

The two armies are also pursuing other efforts to integrate their commands.

“Eighth Army is going to become a combined ground component command that will be established in 2018,” Vandal said, noting that he will then become the deputy ground component commander, working for a ROK four-star general.

While these integration efforts involve the headquarters staff, there is also an integration effort underway involving the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Elimination Task Force, he said.

Describing how the WMD task force will work, Vandal described that as rotational brigade combat teams flow into theater, they will be operationally controlled by either the RUCD or by the 17th ROK Infantry.

Elements from those brigades would then form the task force, which will be integrated down to the battalion level and below, “providing the synergy of the best of both nations’ armies.”

The U.S. will provide both technology elements and maneuver forces to the task force, while the ROK will primarily contribute maneuver forces, “particularly light infantry that are so beneficial to conducting these mission sets for WMD elimination,” he said.

Large-scale exercises

In addition to task force contributions, the U.S. Army also conducts frequent exercises to maintain readiness.

“I would say our exercise [operations tempo] is the highest in the Army,” Vandal said, “and the reason I say that is because we must be ready to fight tonight.”

He noted two of the large exercises: Key Resolve, held each March, and Ulchi Freedom Guardian, or UFG, held each August. “They’re probably the largest exercises in the U.S. Army,” he said.



Gen. Mark Milley, U.S. Army chief of staff, shakes hands with soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in Pocheon, South Korea. (U.S. Army photo by Timothy Oberle)

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The UFG involves some 400,000 ROK government personnel all the way up to the cabinet level, plus 40,000 military participants, he said.

“It’s a whole-of-government approach to their national security and they are all in,” Vandal said.

Besides those two exercises, he added that there are numerous smaller ones.

In addition to the Eighth Army, higher commands such as the United Nations Command are working to expand U.N. participation in exercises. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks is the commander of United Nations Command, as well as of Combined Force Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

Of the 17 nations that contributed forces and material in the Korean War, “all participate and are committed to the UN Command,” Brooks remarked. “So we are looking at how to expand their participation in future exercises.”

For example, the Canadian forces provided a division during last year’s UFG exercise for the first time. If a conflict emerged, that Canadian division would be part of the I Corps, but under the operational control of the 3rd ROK Army.

Vandal pointed to an increase in countries’ participation in these exercises over the years, and he is optimistic that such involvement will increase in the future.

Multi-domain battle

In addition to exercises, the topic of multi-domain battle, or MDB, took up a large portion of the Association of the U.S. Army LANPAC symposium.

The MDB concept encourages units to engage the enemy in all domains – air, sea, land, cyber, space – in the context of a joint.

“We are doing a lot of that already,” Vandal said of MDB, providing three examples.

First, during this month’s Warrior Strike, a counter-WMD exercise, the U.S. Army flew a WMD Elimination Task Force onto a ROK amphibious carrier. From there, the unit did an air assault on a suspected WMD underground facility.

The exercise involved naval, ground and air components of the U.S. and ROK forces.

“You can well imagine the complexity of doing something like that,” Vandal said, adding that the exercise was realistic and would be a top priority should a real situation unfold.

A second recent exercise involved integrated Apache helicopters from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, along with the U.S. naval component from 7th Fleet, U.S. Special Forces, and a ROK air component. That too was complex, Vandal remarked.

Third, the ROK and U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps came together to test combined joint logistics over-the-shore, involving the use of rail, inland waterways and air terminal supply point capabilities.

That exercise focused on sustaining the combined force and involved bringing in a floating dock and establishing an expeditionary port so that U.S. Army and Marine materiel could be transported to

the proper unit.

“The piece that needs to be worked harder is the cyber and the space integration to make all five domains integrated. That’s the way ahead,” Vandal added.

Transformation through consolidation

Integration efforts and exercises are part of a large-scale transformation of the forces in the area.

“Transformation of Eighth Army and arguably the transformation for the whole peninsula for U.S. Forces Korea is the most dramatic since 1953,” Vandal said.

As U.S. and ROK units are combining, there is also a huge base consolidation occurring at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys.

This consolidation effort isn’t exactly recent, he said. It has been going on for about 10 years and involves moving soldiers, Army civilians, contractors and families from some 120 installations mostly north of the Han River – which runs through the capital of Seoul – and moving them into Camp Humphreys farther south.

Eighth Army and U.S. Forces Korea in Yongsan are part of that move, which costs \$10.7 billion. Ninety-two percent of the moving costs are being paid by the ROK government, Vandal reported.

“We’ve essentially tripled the size of Camp Humphreys,” he said. By 2020, the transfers should be complete with about 42,000 personnel on post.

Eighth Army is scheduled to be in place in Camp Humphreys by mid-July, with U.S. Forces Korea and RUCD on location by January 2018.

Vandal referred to Camp Humphreys as “the crown jewel of overseas assignments” for soldiers and families, meaning that the base offers good

quality of life and excellent family housing, along with facilities like a post exchange and commissary.

He added that it’s “absolutely the best overseas installation I’ve seen and probably the largest.”

An added benefit of the move is increased forced protection, he said. With everyone in one place, it will be more efficient to evacuate family members should the need occur.

Lastly, Vandal said that the expansion of Camp Humphreys is “a commitment to the alliance” – a fiscal commitment by the South Koreans and a military commitment by the U.S. to provide stability and security not just for Korea, but for the entire region.

Nurturing the alliance

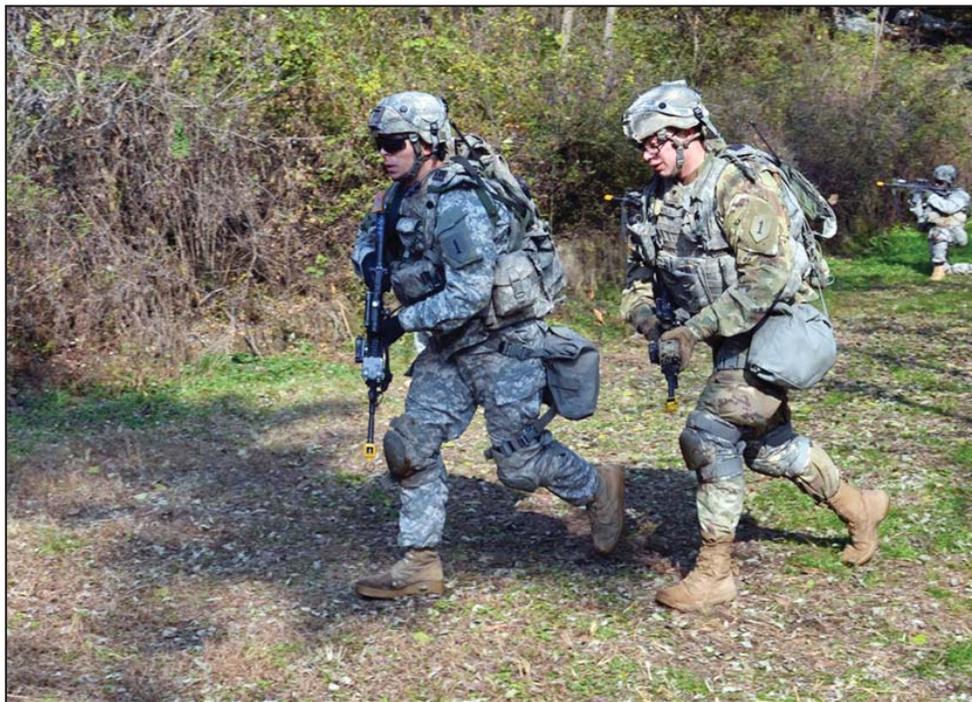
For Eighth Army soldiers, “the center of gravity in Korea is the alliance and each one of us has a responsibility, from private to general officer, to help nurture that alliance,” Vandal emphasized.

“We do it through combined training. We do it through relationship building. We do it through community interaction. So collectively, it helps us build a strong, healthy relationship,” he continued.

That relationship is encapsulated in the Korean phrase that the U.S. Soldiers have adopted: “Kapsi Kapshida,” he said, which means “Let’s Go Together.”

Lastly, Vandal spoke directly to his soldiers: “You serve here with a sense of purpose. You see a threat,” he said.

Adding, “You look at it every single day. You are focused on that threat and because of that sense of purpose, you are very much focused on being ready to fight tonight, from the youngest private to every general officer.”



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, along with leaders from the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division and Eighth Army, conduct a demonstration of force-on-force engagement training systems for members of the Republic of Korea Army at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Warren Wright)

Joint coalition effort needed – air, sea, land, space and cyber

David Vergun
Army News Service

Imagine an enemy intent on destroying U.S. ships, say, somewhere in the Western Pacific.

A novel but technologically feasible concept called multi-domain battle, or MDB, could frustrate that intent, said Gen. David G. Perkins.

Perkins, commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, spoke at the “Land Forces in the Pacific: Advancing Joint and Multi-National Integration” symposium, sponsored by the Association of the United States Army’s Institute of Land Warfare.

Perkins described MDB as a concept that maximizes utilization of all five domains: air, sea, land, space and cyber, in a joint coalition effort.

For MDB to work, the military needs to do away with domain “hogging,” he said.

Perkins described domain hogging in the following way: When a crisis occurs in a land domain, the Army or Marine Corps is considered the “owner” of that domain and is expected to respond in a traditional manner, perhaps with mortars or howitzers. If a crisis occurs at sea, the Navy is viewed as owning that domain, so a ship or sub-surface solution is applied.

To demonstrate the usefulness of MDB as an alternative to domain hogging, Perkins described a fictitious MDB-type scenario in the Western Pacific.

Enemy ships armed with mines, torpedoes and missiles are pursuing friendly vessels. The enemy knows the whereabouts of U.S. ships that might come to the aid of friendly vessels.

What the combatants not aware of are the presence of Army howitzers or missile batteries, located on islands in the area, which are armed with anti-ship precision fires.

So now, the enemy isn’t just worried about the U.S. Navy – they’re also worried about the U.S. Army, which can emplace its guns in hard-to-detect areas on land.

This type of scenario gives the combatant commander multiple options and the enemy multiple dilemmas, Perkins explained.

MDB also provides the option of relying on partner nation capabilities, in addition to those of sister services in the U.S. military.

Royal Australian Army Maj. Gen. Roger Noble, who is on loan to the U.S. Army as the deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Pacific, provided an example of partner nation-based MDB.

In a previous assignment last year, Noble was attached to the 101st Airborne Division, which was assisting the Iraqi army in its drive to push the Islamic State out of Iraq.

During the fighting, the U.S. Army wanted to use its offensive cyber capabilities to perform a mission that is still classified.

The U.S. Army didn’t have the proper authorities and permissions in place to use that capability, however, but Australia and the United Kingdom did. So



Gen. David Perkins, TRADOC commander, described a fictitious multi-domain battle-type scenario where enemy combatants know the whereabouts of U.S. ships but are not aware of the presence of Army howitzers or missile batteries, giving friendly commanders multiple options and the enemy multiple dilemmas. (Photo by Sgt. Steven Galimore)

the Army relied on its partner’s capability in the cyber domain, Noble said.

Perkins added that cyber or space domains, regardless of which service or nation owned those assets, could also be used to shut down the enemy’s naval navigation system or anti-ship missiles.

It doesn’t matter which partner owns the domains; the assets should be available to whoever needs them, he said.

Some partner nation leaders look at the busy slides Perkins uses to explain MDB, and are intimidated by the complexity. They think “ray guns and flying saucers,” Perkins said.

They believe MDB to be complicated and expensive, but Perkins said he tries to reassure partners that they don’t need to be equipped with the most modern hardware to provide MDB assets within a multi-partner force.

For example, a small Pacific nation without a large navy might have a number of small, shallow-water vessels that could contribute to force protection in areas where U.S. and coalition forces are operating.

Or, some small nation with hardly any assets at all might have land located in a strategic area from which land, air and naval power of the coalition forces might be projected. Everyone, he assured, has something to bring to the fight.

Noble described that when he was in Iraq last year, coalition forces utilized MDB even before the concept went by that name. Naval aircraft, launched from ships, delivered precision ground fire as multiple nations and military services were worked in and shared multiple domains.

Perkins said there’s nothing like a war situation

to test concepts like MDB and to flesh out problems, such as when one nation’s radios don’t communicate another.

The next best learning environment, he said, is conducting rigorous exercises like the ones U.S. Army Pacific Command does year-round in the Pacific with various partner countries.

“We see multi-domain battle as something to put in place right now,” Perkins noted.

He added that the Pacific region is a perfect place to test out MDB in rigorous exercises because all domains are well-represented there, and there are multiple coalition partners available to bring multiple capabilities.

Perkins said he’s working with Gen. Robert Brown, commander, U.S. Army Pacific, to establish an MDB task force “to try to take stuff we have in the Army now and repurpose it,” he explained. For example, USARPAC has equipment that could be used in anti-access, area denial.

Perkins added that Brown comes from TRADOC, so he understands MDB and has been an advocate of the concept.

Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Command, said he’s excited about MDB.

“I want to see the Army shoot down a missile, fired from a plane that launched from a ship,” Harris said. “Then, I want to see the Army shoot down the aircraft that launched the missile and then I want the Army to sink that ship.”

“I’m convinced this is the way to fight, particularly when you don’t have a clear advantage over our adversaries,” he added. “Adversaries are now fielding new weapons in quantities approaching the zombie apocalypse.”

1,700 attendees, 30 nations, 400 exhibitors = 'Best LANPAC'

AUSA Staff

The Association of the U.S. Army's LANPAC Symposium and Exposition in Honolulu, focused on land forces and land power in the Indo-Asian-Pacific Theater, wrapped up May 25 even as Army leaders in Washington, D.C., warned Congress that readiness problems remain.

More than 1,700 people attended the three-day Pacific forum, hosted by the AUSA's Institute of Land Warfare, including 400 industry exhibitors.

This is the fifth year for the event, one that brought military representatives from 30 countries including the chiefs of staff of nine armies.

The event included a declaration by Navy Adm. Harry Harris Jr., the U.S. Pacific Command commanding general, that AUSA is "the 'Army-ist' of organizations."

Harris called LANPAC an "impressive" event and thanked AUSA and U.S. Army Pacific for organizing the discussion.

Gen. Robert Brown, the U.S. Army Pacific commander, called LANPAC "incredibly productive" and important because it takes joint and multinational efforts to address security issues in the theater.

"I'm declaring that this is the best LANPAC ever," Brown said.

On the final day, discussion centered on maximizing the force through cooperation, collaboration and new ways of training.

Retired Lt. Gen. In-Bum Chun, a former South Korea special warfare commander, said the phrase "things are lost in translation" can mean a lot to militaries. Overcoming the translation problem involves understanding the meaning of words and their intent, he said.

Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vares-Lum, the U.S. Army Pacific modernization assistant to the director of strategic plans and policy, said the Indo-Asian-Pacific Theater is complicated because of its size, history and complexity, making joint exercises and



Gen. Robert Brown, commanding general, U.S. Army Pacific, presents an award to retired Gen. Carter F. Ham, AUSA president and CEO, during closing comments of the Land Forces Pacific (LANPAC) Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii. 'I'm declaring that this is the best LANPAC ever,' Brown said. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Silvers)

training an important way of maximizing capabilities.

A pilot program is being created for midcareer soldiers who can get training and academic credit for learning more about the region.

Called the Regional Leader Development Program-Pacific, it includes leadership, theater-specific information and cultural studies. Those taking the entire course would also take part in cultural immersion.

As LANPAC was concluding, back in Washington, D.C., Acting Secretary of the Army Robert Speer told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the \$166 billion Army budget proposed for fiscal 2018 will help, but not fix, everything because the Army remains busy.

"The pace of operation is as high as it has been in the past 16 years," he said.

Adding, "Units are as busy at home as they are when they are deployed."



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Army PCS family moves – ‘Turn lemons into lemonade’

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I have to admit there is a part of me that looks forward to moving.

I said, a part of me.

You know, the part that likes purging, the part that enjoys a challenge, the part that likes new adventures and the part that tries turning lemons into lemonade.

And sometimes, PCSing is definitely lemons.

If you're reading this and you have more than a couple of PCSes under your belt, then we probably have something in common – our share of “bad” move stories.

Speaking for my family, we've had our treasured belongings lost, stolen and broken.

Packing crews have put my wedding dress in the same box as the bathroom rug. Movers have shown up late and sometimes, not at all. But after four moves in eight years, I learned a few things to make this sometimes painful process a bit easier.

Decide your housing exit plan early

If you are a renter, give your notice as early as

possible. Check your lease agreement regarding military release clauses.

Be aware of your responsibilities and stand your ground if they try to charge you for normal wear and tear. If you own your home, you'll need to decide if you will sell or rent.

Both scenarios have their own “to-do” lists so deciding earlier is always better.

P-U-R-G-E!

In fact, I recommend purging even if you are stuck in PCS Limbo. It will give you a sense of accomplishment to clean out the old. Lightening the load gives a little psychological boost, and we can all use it whether we are looking forward to the move or not.

Prioritize and Organize

Take the time to gather all your important documents well before the packers show up at your door. Don't assume vital documents such as your child's school records will make their way to the new school.

As soon as you know what schools your children will be attending, let your old school know and confirm the records were sent. It may take several phone calls, and if there is a snag, it's often easier taken care of in person before you move.

If you are moving to or from a non-Military Treatment Facility, you will want to request copies



of your health records to hand deliver. You will also want to include records from any outside specialty care.

Use Your Resources & Lean on Each Other

My favorite part of the relocation process is learning about our next duty station and who better to lean on than fellow military families who have lived in post housing or had to commute from off-post neighborhoods.

With today's access to digital and social media, we're connected as a community like never before.

And now, with the advent of online platforms like the new website PCSgrades.com, we have a way of sharing the most important information on our biggest must solve problems unlike ever before.

If you haven't heard of PCSgrades just yet, you should know it is a veteran-owned website dedicated to providing fellow military and veteran families with a trusted place to share insights and reviews from the people we all trust the most – fellow military and veteran families.

The topics covered include base housing, off-base neighborhoods, moving companies, realtors, schools, mortgage lenders, apartments, and more.

Scrolling through each section, reading reviews by fellow military spouses is especially helpful if you are moving to an area you are unfamiliar with, which typically describes most of us.

The beauty of this particular website are the reviews posted by fellow military families. Every review submitted on PCSgrades strengthens the voice of our military community, providing a little more control that has never existed before.

PCSing can be very stressful. Issues pop up. It never goes as planned.

But once you know where the military is sending you and you've checked out your housing options, take the time to enjoy yourself before you leave your current duty station.

Have lunch with friends. Let the kids have those “last” sleepovers. Savor those final few days before the packers and movers descend. And consider paying it forward (and dialing back your stress level) by sharing your insights with the rest of us at PCSgrades.com.

Together we can truly make a difference.

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AUSA on Broadway – Rave Reviews



Megan Ryle

Director

Marketing

AUSA recently made its exciting Broadway debut with brand new public service announcements in the center of Times Square.

With so many special events to celebrate – D-Day, the Army Birthday, Army Week, Flag Day, Independence Day, and AUSA's 67th Birthday – AUSA national headquarters is running four weeks of advertising between 46th and 47th streets

in New York City during two weeks in June and the first two weeks of July.

Our announcements will be illuminated on a 5,000-square-foot digital billboard located across from the TKTS ticket center, giving us over 4 million impressions with a national audience.

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Ft. Pitt Chapter Warrior Shoot – team building, camaraderie

NCO and Soldier Programs

**Sergeant Major of the Army
Kenneth O. Preston, USA, Ret.
Vice President, Noncommissioned Officer
and Soldier Programs**

Greetings from the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), our Army's association for education and professional development and a major supporter of the Army's Soldier for Life efforts.

I had the opportunity to attend the 5th Annual Fort Pitt Warrior Shoot held on June 3.

Special thanks to the Fort Pitt Chapter, the Heinz History Center, Special Tactics and Rescue Training, and FN firearms for hosting this event.

Gordon Lam, Fort Pitt Chapter vice president, sent us a report, below, on the day's activities.

Fort Pitt Chapter Report

The Fort Pitt Chapter's annual Warrior Shoot event, co-hosted with the Heinz History Center, Special Tactics and Rescue Training, and FN was held to celebrate the U.S. Army's 242d birthday with a day of camaraderie, team building and esprit de corps.

Over 125 chapter members, veterans, family members and friends of the armed forces attended the event.

Beginning in 2013, the Warrior Shoot's popularity has grown substantially and the chapter had to limit the number of participants because the range facility reached its maximum safe capacity.

Twelve newly inducted Pennsylvania Army National Guard soldiers participated in this year's event and they had the opportunity to hear from retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, Association of the U.S. Army vice president for non-commissioned officer and soldier programs.

Preston discussed the soldiers' enlistment decision and the opportunities that lay ahead for them during in their time in the Army.

Highlighting the day's event was the opportunity to fire an array of pistols, rifles and machine guns courtesy of FN firearms.

Several participants were afforded the opportunity and unique experience to fire the Civil War mountain howitzer provided by Dr. Andrew Masich, president and CEO of Heinz History Center.

Other notable participants included Dr. Rory Cooper, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army; Eric Templin, ATI executive; Havard Klokkerud, general manager, Kongsberg Protech; and Joe



Top: The Fort Pitt Chapter's annual Warrior Shoot was attended by over 125 chapter members, veterans, family members and friends of the armed forces.

Bottom: Dr. Andrew Masich, president and CEO of the Heinz History Center; Carlos Carmona, Fort Pitt Chapter president, and retired Sgt. Maj of the Army Ken Preston attend the Warrior Shoot.



Dornbrock, executive director, Keystone Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The venue for this annual event, now in its fifth year, is the Special Tactics and Rescue Training (START) facility in Mingo Junction, Ohio.

This program provides the Fort Pitt Chapter with the opportunity to bring its general membership together to celebrate the U.S. Army's birthday, promote support for the Regular Army, National Guard and Army Reserve in the Greater Pittsburgh area, along with their family members and guests.

This day also underscores the importance of the spirit of support for the warrior community of Western Pennsylvania.

Chapter corporate members attending included ATI, BNY Mellon, and Heinz History Center.

The guests were also treated to a BBQ lunch and all participated in the traditional cutting of the Army birthday cake by the oldest and youngest Army veteran present.

Joining chapter president Carlos Carmona Torres and Preston was for this ceremony were a 74-year old veteran and 17-year old new Pennsylvania Army National Guard recruit.

This year's event resulted in 35 new AUSA memberships.

There is no substitute for the knowledge and wisdom gained through experience and when you are a young up-and-coming Army professional, associating with other members of your profession with varied experiences creates a unique opportunity to learn through the eyes of others.

AUSA chapter events – like the Fort Pitt Chapter program – that provide opportunities for new soldiers to interact with each other and talk and learn from veterans are very important for all of us.

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Army civilians: Vital part of AUSA's mission and membership

Army Civilian Advisory Committee

Army civilians have always been a vitally important constituency in the Association of the U.S. Army.

Just as the Army has begun to rely on increasing numbers of civilians, especially in leadership and management positions, so too has AUSA begun to give greater attention to civilian activities and membership.

AUSA's Army Civilian Advisory Committee represents Army civilians to its Council of Trustees and takes an active role in membership activities.

The current chairman, retired Senior Executive Service (SES) John Nerger, has worked to ensure the committee is more representative of the civilian workforce.

"I'm pleased we now have members who rep-

resent or who have represented most of the Army commands with high numbers of civilians, for example, Army Materiel Command, Training and Doctrine Command, Medical Command, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Installation Management Command," Nerger said.

Adding, "Many important career fields, such as human resources, acquisition, resource management, and engineering, are covered as well. This ensures the diversity of civilian interests is represented and all civilians have a voice inside AUSA."

The committee has been working on several initiatives since the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington last October.

Although AUSA sponsors a popular civilian seminar each year during the meeting, the committee observed that many DACs are unable to attend due to travel budgets and restrictions.

As a result, AUSA President and CEO retired Gen. Carter F. Ham agreed to consider hosting

similar events at AUSA's events during the year throughout the country.

In March, AUSA featured a civilian-oriented leadership seminar for the first time at its Global Force Symposium in Huntsville, Ala, and hopes to broaden its focus on civilian professional development sessions at similar events elsewhere in the future.

Another proposal is the creation of a local vice president for civilian affairs, modeling the best practices of some AUSA's chapters.

AUSA senior fellow and retired senior executive Diane Devens has helped develop a set of duties to guide local chapters and regions on how to better engage with civilians in their chapter areas.

The intent is to have a main point of contact to advise chapter and region leaders on civilian recruitment and retention, outreach, issue advocacy, professional development and all civilian-oriented

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CAPITOL HILL UPDATE A listing of bills that AUSA is currently tracking.

ACTIVE DUTY/GUARD & RESERVE ISSUES

House Action

H.R. 1384

(Reserve Component Benefits Parity Act) Cosponsors: 63

- Amends titles 5, 10, 37, and 38 of the United States Code to ensure that an order to serve on active duty under section 12304a and 12304b of title 10, United States Code, is treated the same as other orders to serve on active duty for determining the eligibility of members of the uniformed services and veterans for certain benefits and for calculating the deadlines for certain benefits.
- Introduced by Rep. Steven Palazzo, R-Miss.

• Referred to Committees: Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform

H.R. 2099 (GI Bill Fairness Act)

Cosponsors: 1

- Amends title 38, United States Code, to allow members of the Ready Reserve of a reserve component of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance.
- Introduced by Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif.

• Referred to Committee: Veterans' Affairs

Senate Action

S.492 (Servicemember Retirement Improvement Act)

Cosponsors: 1

- Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow members of the Ready Reserve of a reserve component of the Armed Forces to make elective deferrals on the basis of their service to the Ready Reserve and on the basis of their other employment.
- Introduced by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas
- Referred to Committee: Finance

RETIREE ISSUES

House Action

H.R. 303 (Retired Pay Restoration Act)

Cosponsors: 66

- Permits additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the VA for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.
- Introduced by Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla

• Referred to Committees: Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs

H.R. 333 (Disabled Veterans' Tax Termination Act) Cosponsors: 33

- Permits retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation
- Extends eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service.
- Introduced by Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Ga.

• Referred to Committees: Armed Services; Veterans' Affairs

Senate Action

S.66 (Retired Pay Restoration Act)

Cosponsors: 8

- Permits additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the VA for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.
- Introduced by Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev.
- Referred to Committees: Armed Services

SPOUSE/FAMILY ISSUES

House Action

H.R. 578 (Military Residency Choice Act)

Cosponsors: 7

- Amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers to elect to use the same residences as the servicemembers.
- Introduced by Rep. Rob Wittman, R-Va.
- Referred to Committee: Veterans' Affairs

H.R. 1796 (Lift the Relocation Burden from Military Spouses Act)

Cosponsors: 17

- Authorizes the military department concerned to reimburse a member of the Armed Forces up to \$500 for "qualified relicensing costs" incurred by the member's spouse as result of a PCS across state lines. "Qualified relicensing costs" are the costs, including exam and registration fees, needed to secure a license or certification to engage in the same profession in the new state.
- Introduced by Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y.
- Referred to Committees: Armed Services

VETERANS' ISSUES

Senate Action

S.1198 (Veterans Care Financial Protection Act)

Cosponsors: 1

- Protects individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices.
- Introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.
- Referred to Committees: Veterans' Affairs

Kok: You can do anything, be anything in the U.S. military

Chapter Highlight Delaware

Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris
99th Regional Support Command
U.S. Army Reserve

The commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve's 99th Regional Support Command was the guest speaker at the sixth annual Our Community Salutes recognition ceremony at the Cavaliers County Club, Newark, N.J.

Maj. Gen. Troy D. Kok joined Wilmington University and the Association of the U.S. Army's Delaware Chapter in honoring more than 100 high school students who volunteered to enlist in all branches of the U.S. military following graduation.

"You're moving into the greatest opportunity you could ever imagine, because the sky's the limit – you can do anything and be anything in the United States military," said Kok, a 35-year Army veteran.

Also speaking at the event were Larence Kirby, executive director for the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, and Nicholas L. Cerchio III, chairman of Our Community Salutes of Delaware and Army Reserve ambassador for Delaware.

"I'm sure that most of you enlistees have at one point in the past had somebody say: 'I'm so proud of you,' and you deserve that," said Cerchio, who was drafted into the Army in 1966 and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Adding, "I want to take it one step further and say, 'You should be proud of yourselves.'"

Our Community Salutes is a national non-profit organization that helps communities recognize,



Maj. Gen. Troy D. Kok, commander, 99th Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve, recognizes two of the more than 100 high school students who have volunteered to enlist in the armed forces during the AUSA Delaware Chapter's Our Community Salutes recognition ceremony. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris)

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activities within AUSA's sphere of influence.

The committee has recommended establishing a civilian position on the AUSA headquarters staff to be able to influence events and procedures on a routine basis.

Former Army executive Don Tison was appointed in early 2017 as a senior fellow in the AUSA Institute for Land Warfare with a dual focus on civilian matters.

Tison said, "Our Army civilians are a critical component to making the Army run. As such, they should also be a critical component of AUSA."

Army civilians are represented on AUSA's Council of Trustees by Philip Sakowitz, a former Army Civilian Advisory Committee chairman and retired Army and corporate executive, who brings a strong civilian viewpoint to the senior deliberations at AUSA.

"Given all the significant contributions and issues impacting Department of Army Civilians,"

honor and support high school seniors who plan to enlist into the U.S. armed services after graduation.

Our Community Salutes also supports the students' parents and families by providing them information and resources related to their children's decision to join the military.

"Your sons and daughters are getting ready to go on the greatest adventure in their lives, and that's what we're here to celebrate tonight," Kok said.

He added, "They are becoming part of a legacy

Sakowitz said, "it is a huge benefit to have AUSA as our voice. General Ham and his senior staff have made a serious commitment to Army civilians and in my position on the Council of Trustees I will continue the dialogue that will enhance that charge."

An AUSA member for over 20 years, Nerger, as well as his committee colleagues, believe AUSA offers significant networking, professional development, news, and issue advocacy benefits of direct relevance to Army civilians as well as soldiers, who remain AUSA's largest member base.

"AUSA's voice is much stronger in Washington and on Capitol Hill when there are civilian members because the Army is the sum of all its parts," Nerger noted.

Recently, AUSA announced a lower membership rate for junior civilian grades just as it does for junior enlisted soldiers, hoping that this creates "members for life."

"General Ham sees AUSA continuing to broaden its outreach to Army Civilians," Nerger said.

of excellence, of being better than they can be, of protecting our rights and freedoms, serving our country, and being an ambassador to the world."

These young men and women will become part of a military in which less than 1 percent of eligible Americans volunteer to serve.

"As you swear to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, you will become part of the real one percent – the one percent that makes it possible for us to be here tonight," Cerchio said.

"AUSA is very proud of all DA Civilians and what they do and mean for America's Army," he said.

He added, "If you aren't already a member of AUSA, please join us – we need you. If you are already a member, please invite a friend."

Members of the AUSA Army Civilian Committee are: Jay Aronowitz, SES, Ret.; Kathryn Condon, SES, Ret.; James Dalton, SES, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Diane Devens, SES, Ret.; Mary "Cathy" Dickens, SES, Ret.; Alecia Grady, Installation Management Command; and John Hall, SES, Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Ellen Helmerson, SES, Army Training and Doctrine Command; Hon. Mary Sally Matiella, former assistant secretary of the Army, financial management and comptroller; John B. Nerger, SES, Ret., committee chairman; Diane Randon, acting assistant secretary of the Army, manpower and reserve affairs; Gregg Stevens, SES, Army Medical Command; and Philip E. Sakowitz, SES, Ret., are also committee members.

III Corps, Ft. Hood commander: 'I am a Phantom Warrior'

Chapter Highlight Fort Hood-Central Texas

Heather Graham-Ashley
News Editor
Fort Hood Sentinel

III Corps and Fort Hood Commanding General Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II recently received a hearty welcome home to the "Great Place," Fort Hood, Texas.

The Fort Hood-Central Texas Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army hosted a welcome reception for Funk during its general membership meeting held at the Phantom Warrior Center.

The meeting also included remarks from the AUSA president and CEO, retired Gen. F. Carter Ham and a ceremony recognizing Vietnam veterans.

Before remarks from Funk and Ham, AUSA members paused to honor two veterans as part of the organization's ongoing partnership with the United States of America's Vietnam War Commemoration, a nationwide effort to honor these veterans.

"They're doing now what should have been done some 50 years ago," Bobby Hoxworth, chapter past president, said. "That is to formally thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families for their

service and sacrifice."

Retired Gen. Robert Shoemaker, retired Lt. Gen. Pete Taylor and retired Lt. Gen. Paul "Butch" Funk presented a lapel pin to a Navy corpsman and an Air Force master sergeant who served during the Vietnam War.

The commemoration efforts include service members from all branches who served during the Vietnam War period, Hoxworth said.

Following the recognition, retired Maj. Gen. Ken Cox introduced the III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general as a "great friend of Central Texas."

Funk opened his remarks in his usual fashion before delivering a heartfelt thank you to the Central Texas community.

"My name is Funk and I am a Phantom Warrior," he said before adding that he was not going to discuss his priorities for III Corps and Fort Hood, but instead, talk about his pride in his hometown and the Army.

He said, "What I really wanted to say is: 'Thanks for raising me, thanks for raising my family,' I love Central Texas."

Funk, who was born at Fort Hood and has served various assignments at the "Great Place" throughout his career, was emotional during his remarks. He expressed his love for serving in the Army, service that has spanned his entire 55 years.

"I love being soldier. To be able to come home and be a soldier is incredible," Funk said. "I was

raised by the Army. I don't know anything else.

"So when I get the opportunity to say 'thank you,' for raising me, I mean it," he said.

While introducing Ham, Funk said the retired general is a personal mentor of his and noted that like himself, Ham once led the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.

Ham retired from the Army in 2013 as the commander of U.S. Africa Command.

He assumed the presidency of AUSA last summer when retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, a former Army chief of staff, stepped down.

Ham noted in his remarks that he never served at Fort Hood; so he views the "Great Place" from a different perspective, but the connection between the installation and the surrounding communities is palpable.

"You feel it," he said. "It's in every fiber of this community."

Ham said soldiers often are thanked for their service and sometimes that sentiment is just words. Not here.

"You don't have to say it because you live it" Ham said. "You feel it when you come here that you love soldiers and their families."

That is the tie that Ham works to achieve with AUSA.

"We have only one mission – support America's soldier, that's what we do," he said.

Adding, "We owe them the very best support we can give them each and every day."

Fallen heroes, veterans honored at Bronze Cross Statue

Chapter Highlight Virginia Colonial

Airman 1st Class Kaylee Dubois
633rd Air Base Wing
Joint Base Langley-Eustis

U.S. service members and community members honored fallen heroes at the Bronze Cross Statue Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., May 20.

The monument was initially unveiled on May 14 to honor military members and Department of Defense civilians who passed in service to the nation.

The construction of the monument was a community partnership.

The Association of the U.S. Army's Virginia Colonial Chapter gathered resources from local businesses and corporate partners to construct the shrine for the lost heroes.

The memorial depicts a soldier's helmet perched on a rifle, flanked by a pair of combat boots representing the traditional "battlefield cross."

"Last year, about this time, we stood here at Magnolia Park the day they unveiled this wonderful

bronze statue, in front of many military families as we joined together in a powerful moment just like this," said U.S. Air Force Col. Caroline M. Miller, 633rd Air Base Wing commander.

Adding, "To those families who are still standing tall, all of us here owe a tremendous debt and gratitude to you, as you continue to stand behind our nation's fighting forces."

To honor the fallen warriors, a wreath was laid



upon the memorial in Magnolia Park while service members, Gold Star families and community members looked on.

The gift of flowers at a memorial site is a ritual understood across cultures to bestow both the beauty and brevity of life – a tradition that speaks to the memories of loved ones.

"It doesn't matter how much time has passed – no words of condolence can even begin to adequately console a survivor's grief," said U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Paul M. Benenati, Training and Doctrine Command deputy chief of staff.

He noted, "Please know we have the greatest respect and appreciation for your contributions and sacrifice. We are proud to honor you and your loved ones here today in this beautiful place that will forever mark the sacrifices that were made."

Among the crowd were the honorably discharged veterans and first responders known as the Patriot Guard – a federally registered non-profit organization that ensures the dignity and respect for fallen military heroes at memorial services.

"Some lives are measured in time, others are measured in what they have accomplished," said Benenati.

Adding, "Your loved ones accomplished much, and they earned an eternal place in the history of our nation."



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6,000+ personalized bricks lead the way to the Army Museum

Army Historical Foundation

Construction of the National Museum of the U.S. Army is well underway with a planned opening in 2019.

Also in production are the more than 6,000 personalized commemorative bricks that will be laid along the Path of Remembrance leading to the National Army Museum.

These high quality American-made granite bricks mined from the Mesabi Range in northern Minnesota, and engraved in Boise, Idaho, will be showcased on the museum's 84-acre campus at Fort Belvoir Va., outside our nation's capital.

"We're having tremendous response to this program" said Donor Programs Associate Director Jenna Truax, who oversees the marketing, sales and installation of the bricks.

She added, "Although the museum won't open until 2019, we have begun producing these bricks to ensure they'll be available and installed when the museum opens.

"Due to high demand, we've expanded by the width of the inlaid bricks portion of the promenade by 40 percent.

"We expect to sell out the promenade this fall," Truax said. Adding, "Additional areas are planned for expansion of the commemorative bricks program, but those areas may not be completed in time for museum dedication."

Congress directed the U.S. Army and the Army Historical Foundation to work in joint partnership to make this museum a reality.

Patriotic Americans buying a brick to honor the soldier in their life are helping to fund the campaign, as well as offering the opportunity to say "thanks" to the 30 million men and women who have worn the uniform of the U.S. Army over the last 242 years.

The Army Historical Foundation's website (www.armyhistory.org/bricks/) captures stories on "Why My Brick," with some selected stories to be included in the museum campaign's quarterly newsletter with a 100,000 plus distribution.

With the support of more than 155,000 individual and corporate donors, military and veterans' service organizations, and partners like the Association of the U.S. Army, the National Museum of the U.S. Army is taking shape.

The museum will tell the "Army Story" through the citizen soldiers who serve, sacrifice and accomplish great things.

Truax said, "Galleries on *Founding the Nation*, *Preserving the Nation* and *Global War* will also include the *Army and Society Gallery*, making this Museum unique.

From Lewis and Clark's exploration, the first airplane purchase from the Wright Brothers, the first computer (ENIAC) and satellite, as well as the myriad of medical and scientific breakthroughs that

benefit society and afford us the freedoms and lifestyle we enjoy today, the Army has a rich history, a bold story to be shared."

Background

The National Museum of the United States Army will serve as the capstone of the Army Museum Enterprise and provide the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions.

The museum will celebrate the selfless service and sacrifice of over 30 million men and women who have worn the Army uniform since 1775.

It will be a technological marvel incorporating the latest advances in museum exhibits while providing advanced educational opportunities that will capture the attention of visitors old and young.

As the Army's national landmark, the museum will honor United States soldiers – past, present, and future – and provide an interactive educational experience explaining the Army's role in creating and defending our nation, as well as the Army's social initiatives and contributions for 242 years.

The main building will be approximately 185,000 square feet and display selections from over 15,000 pieces from the Army Art Collection and 30,000 artifacts, documents, and images.

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See the museum design here.

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General Dynamics hosts Army Ten-Miler pasta dinner

AUSA Staff

Army Ten-Miler and General Dynamics officials announced that runners attending the Army Ten-Miler's General Dynamics Pre-Race Pasta Dinner are in for a special event and experience.

Highlighting the dinner, attendees will meet the senior enlisted leadership of the Army.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey; Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher S. Kepner, command sergeant major of the Army National Guard; and Command Sgt. Maj. Ted L. Copeland, command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve, will speak Oct. 7 at the race's dinner.

The dinner also features an all-you-can-eat pasta buffet and an energizing musical performance by The United States Army Band Downrange.

The General Dynamics all-you-can-eat pasta dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

For ticket information and sales go to www.armytenmiler.com.

The 33rd Army Ten-Miler – with over 35,000 runners registered – will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, the day before the Association of the U.S. Army's three-day Annual Meeting and Exposition at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

The race's Online Transfer Program, that opened June 14, will be in effect until August 25.

The online transfer process is secure and easy to use.

Sellers are responsible for finding buyers and coordinating payment terms. The actual transfer of registration is conducted online and an administrative fee is applied. All parties receive an e-mail confirming the transaction has been processed.

Historically, nearly 1,200 runners enter the Army's race through the Online Transfer Program.

"Buyer and Seller Discussion Boards" are posted on the Online Transfer Program page of the Army Ten-Miler website, www.armytenmiler.com, for registered runners and non-registered runners to connect.

They can also connect on the Army Ten-Miler Facebook page.

HOOAH Tents

The Army Ten-Miler HOOAH Tent area, open on race day, features U.S. military commands and units from around the world promoting their "Army Spirit" and their mission.

Runners and spectators have the unique opportunity to interact with soldiers, experience the esprit de corps, and enjoy the festive displays, music, and other activities that HOOAH Tents have to offer.

HOOAH Tent reservations will opened June 15. For information and reservations call or email

Leslie Greathouse at (202) 685-2938 (DSN: 325) or leslie.d.greathouse.naf@mail.mil.

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★ Star Chart ★

Each month, in which a chapter achieves and retains a growth equal to or greater than its assigned membership goal, it will be classified as a Star Chapter. The chapter name will be listed on this monthly Star Chart with the number of consecutive months as a Star Chapter listed to the right.

Gen. John W. Vessey Jr.	210	Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson	40
Tobyhanna Army Depot	202	George Washington	20
Major Samuel Woodfill	191	Monmouth	20
Arsenal of Democracy	171	Stuttgart	18
Rock Island Arsenal	170	Delaware	17
Rhode Island	165	MG Robert B. McCoy	17
North Texas – Audie Murphy	164	Carlisle Barracks – Cumberland Valley	13
Redstone – Huntsville	164	St. Louis Gateway	13
Arizona Territorial	118	Korea	12
Tucson – Goyette	111	Last Frontier	9
Capital District of New York	107	Greater Atlanta	8
Gen. William C. Westmoreland	107	Newton D. Baker	8
Maj. Gen. Harry Greene, Aberdeen	107	Greater Augusta – Fort Gordon	5
First Militia	103	Indiana	4
Central Ohio	93	MG William F. Dean	4
Kuwait	88	San Francisco	4
Northern New Jersey	60	SGM Jon R. Cavaiani	4
Houston Metroplex	40		

Corporate Member Growth

Corporate members provide the leadership, as well as goods, services and the financial means that assist chapters with their programs and projects designed to support our soldiers, civilians, retirees and their families. The following chapters have increased their corporate member companies by 10 or more since July 1, 2016.

As of May 31, 2017

Chapter	Increase
George Washington	23
Chattahoochee Valley - Fort Benning	16
Northern New Jersey	16
Monmouth	14
Fairfax Lee	12
MG Harry Greene, Aberdeen	10

Chapter Membership Growth

AUSA chapters shine! Congratulations to the following AUSA chapters that have had a positive growth since June 30, 2016, in the three membership areas that chapters influence the most – individual (less designees), life and corporate membership. This measure of success will replace the current target-based Star Chapter designation beginning in July.

Arizona Territorial	Gtr Augusta-Ft Gordon
Arkansas	Indiana
Arsenal of Democracy	Mediterranean
Capital District of New York	MG John S. Lekson
Catoctin	MG William F. Dean
Central Virginia	Mid-Palatinate
Coastal Empire	Minutemen
Columbia River	Mission Trails
Denver Centennial	Newton D. Baker
Emerald Coast	Northern New Jersey
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Fort Monmouth	Space Coast
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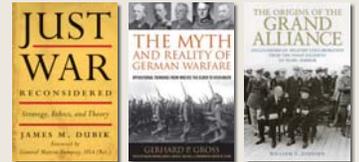
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